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California Regional Water Quality Control Board Sacramento Main Office 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

> Freedom of Information Act Request related to San Joaquin Regarding:

County Mosquito & Vector Control District,

WDID# 5B39NP00022

Dear Water Quality Control Board:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following information:

- 1. Copies of the 2005 through 2014 monthly pesticide use reports of the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District as required to be received by the Regional Board;
- 2. Copies of the Annual Reports from 2005 through 2014 monthly pesticide use reports of the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District as required to be received by the Regional Board;
- 3. Copies of any reports prepared by a Regional Pesticide Monitoring Program from 2005 through 2014 regarding the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District as required to be received by the State Board.

I look forward to receiving these documents within 30 days. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Anderson

(COPY of E-Mailed Comments to BDCP YR 2014)

The San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) has reviewed the BDCP as presented. The restoration of the Delta Ecosystem must include implementation of best management practices (BMPs) for mosquito prevention and control. BMPs are necessary to implement during the design phase for these types of proposals. We can provide historical information on mosquito species and mosquito-borne virus prevalence associated with current habitat located in the Delta ecosystem. Our District conducts a comprehensive mosquito control program in the San Joaquin County Delta. This work includes mosquito/virus surveillance, ground and aerial mosquito larvicide treatments and ground / aerial adult mosquito control treatments. We prefer a proactive approach to mosquito control; whereby, through proper design and management techniques, mosquito prevention is key.

One way to ensure these factors are part of the design phase is to follow at least two examples of BMPs to ensure mosquito prevention.

Two BMPs (attached) that address these types of projects include:

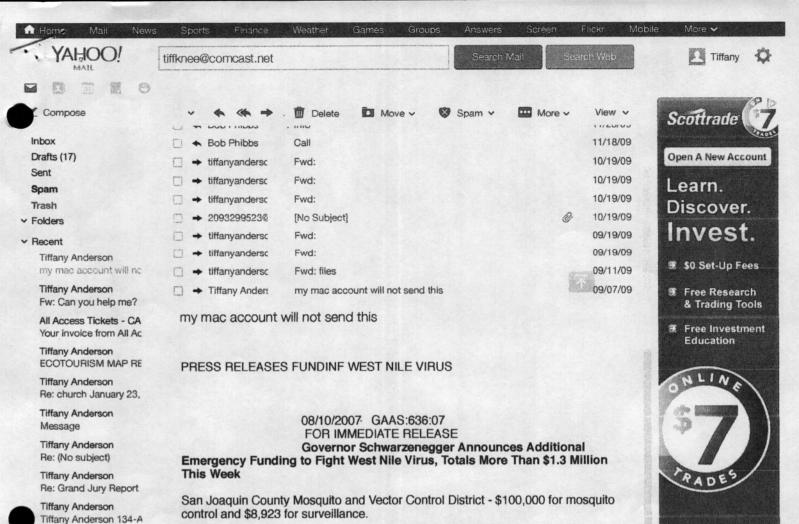
- Best Management Practices for Mosquito Control in California Recommendations for the California Department of Public Health and the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California
- Central Valley Joint Venture Technical Guide to Best Management Practices for Mosquito
 Control in Managed Wetlands. (Developed in conjunction with the California Department of
 Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Mosquito and Vector Control Districts.

San Joaquin County MVCD concerns include the habitat creation adjacent to existing development. The District must ensure any new habitat design, especially one that includes wetland habitat, follows the BMPs in order to prevent mosquito breeding. These winged insects do not remain at their point of origin, rather they will migrate toward a food source. Currently, should the residents of these areas experience a mosquito migration originating from the adjacent agricultural land, the District will respond by confirming the mosquito breeding site and abate as necessary in order to relieve the residents from the mosquito activity. This past year, the District conducted a number of both ground and aerial adult mosquito control applications to control West Nile virus carrying mosquitoes. We cannot have development of a site (conducive to mosquito breeding), that has great potential to create a public health risk to current residents adjacent to the proposed sites for planned habitat restoration.

A significant portion of the Plan is dedicated to the restoration of wetland ecosystems and the development of migratory bird habitat. If not properly designed, built, managed and maintained, these types of aquatic features provide extensive mosquito-breeding habitat that requires responses and resources from the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

For example, to interrupt mosquito breeding cycles and West Nile virus transmission, the District can sometimes provide short-term control of immature and adult mosquitoes through applications of pesticides. For long term control, the District works with landowners and water managers to modify mosquito-breeding conditions to prevent or reduce the reoccurrence of mosquito development.

The California Health and Safety Code authorizes mosquito control districts to conduct surveillance and control of mosquitoes, prevent the reoccurrence of mosquitoes, and legally abate the production of mosquitoes or public nuisance, defined as "Any activity that supports the development, attraction, or harborage of vectors, or that facilitates the introduction or spread of vectors" Landowners, both public



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09/16/2004 GAAS:414:04 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Governor Schwarzenegger Signs Bill to Provide Funds to Fight West Nile Virus Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today signed AB 1982 and SB 1545 appropriating \$750,000 and to reduce the number of mosquitoes in California and improve coordination between the State and local mosquito abatement districts. "These bills provide essential funding to help fight the spread of the West Nile virus through improved coordination between the Department of Fish and Game and mosquito abatement districts," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "With this legislation we will protect wetland habitats as we shrink the mosquito population, and reduce the future cost of mosquito abatement."

management activities in Wildlife Management Area's with local mosquito abatement districts. Best management practices will be designed to reduce mosquito production and at the same time, maintain wetland habitat values. The funds provided under AB 1982 and SB 1545 will further ongoing efforts to help fight the spread of the West Nile Virus in California. These efforts include: \$1 million appropriated in the current state budget to support continued West Nile Virus surveillance and public education efforts through the Department of Health Services, an additional \$1 million (\$650,000 in annual funding and \$442,000 in additional funding recently secured by the Administration) in federal funds for surveillance and public education efforts, an interagency taskforce created by the Governor to coordinate West Nile Virus monitoring, prevention and intervention efforts and more than \$27 million in local funding for local mosquito abatement

San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District - \$100,000 for mosquito control and \$8,923 for surveillance.

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